

May 15, 2007

**RUSSELLVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS DISTRICT
LOCAL/STATE BOARD FACILITIES HEARING REPORT**

A Local/State public hearing was held at the Russellville Board of Education on May 14, 2007, at 5:31 p.m. (local time). The purpose of the public hearing was to propose a new District Facility Plan developed by the Russellville Local Planning Committee and to record any and all remarks supporting or opposing the plan. The Local Planning Committee (LPC) voted 13-0 in favor of the proposed new plan and the Board of Education voted 5-0 to approve the new plan.

There were (6) six individuals in attendance at the hearing. Local attorney Jay Joines served as the hearing officer and Roger D. Cook, Superintendent was present along with David Corbin board member; Mary Lucy Franklin, citizen; Betty McClean, citizen; and Kathy Joines, wife of the hearing officer.

COMMENTS

Mr. Joines called the public hearing to order at 5:31 p.m. The hearing officer outlined the purpose of the hearing and the hearing procedure in accordance with 702 KAR 1:001. It was explained that those persons wishing to speak would be given the opportunity and that written statement would be accepted. It was also noted that all consideration will be made available to the Kentucky Board of Education via the hearing officer's report. The hearing officer read the proposed new District Facility Plan that includes: **the construction of a new wing of the Russellville High School that will house the 7th and 8th grades. It also discussed renovation of the 1961 portion of the middle school and the current media center into a facility that would be used by the pre-school. The plan called for demolition of most of the current middle school structure. The plan also outlined some renovation to Stevenson Elementary School and to the Area Technology Center.**

The floor was opened to those who wished to make a statement. Mary Lucy Franklin, a local citizen and interested local historian, made the only comment and it concerned the preservation of the old 1923 gymnasium and the 1870 Logan's Women College structures. It is her wish that before any demolition is to occur that we would look at other funding alternatives for keeping those buildings.

There was no opposition expressed to the proposed District Facilities Plan.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the new District Facility Plan developed by the Russellville Local Planning Committee and adopted by the Russellville Independent Schools Board of Education be approved as the District Facility Plan for the Russellville Independent Schools District. A copy of the new plan is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by;

Jay Joines, Hearing Officer

Timothy K. Lucas, KDE Fac. Mgmt.

cc: Mark W. Ryles, Director
Planning File

Attachments: Russellville Ind. Sch. District Facility Plan